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Entitled: DUPLEX STRAINER

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said Assignee.

I believe said inventors to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is  
described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention  
entitled *DUPLEX STRAINER*, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by Preliminary Amendment dated July 17, 2003. I believe the named inventor or inventors to be the original and the first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I verily believe that the original U.S. Patent No. 5,443,722 is partly inoperative or invalid by reason of defective specification through error. The errors include, for example, claim 1 of the original U.S. Patent No. 5,433,722, attached hereto, which recites "a first three-way ball valve for controlling the flow of fluid between said housing, first port, and second port." The recitation of the "second port" is incorrect and should recite "third port."

All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention of the part of the Applicant.

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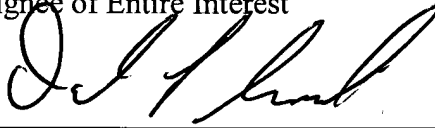
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